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The JS 44 civil cover sheet and the information contained herein neither replace nor supplement the filing and service of pleadings or other papers as required by law, except as provided by local rules of court. This form, approved by the Judicial Conference of the United States in September 1974, is required for the use of the Clerk of Court for the purpose of initiating the civil docket sheet. (SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON NEXT PAGE OF THIS FORM.)

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## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

STEVEN J. INC. FOR ITSELF AND FOR	:	
AND TO THE USE OF DAVID FENTON	:	
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Plaintiff,

NO.

V.

LANDMARK AMERICAN INSURANCE : COMPANY AND : ENGLE MARTIN & ASSOCIATES :

**Defendants** 

#### ORDER FOR REMOVAL

AND NOW, this day of, 2014, upon consideration of
the Notice of Removal, it is hereby ORDERED and DECREED that the action
captioned Steven J. for Itself and For and to the Use of David Fenton v. Landmark
American Insurance Company and Engle Martin & Associates, filed in the Court of
Common Pleas of Monroe County, Pennsylvania and captioned 944 CV 2014, be
removed from the Court of Common Pleas of Monroe County, Pennsylvania to the
United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania.

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**Defendants** 

#### NOTICE OF REMOVAL

TO: The Judges of the United States District Court For the Middle District of Pennsylvania

Please take notice that Defendants, Landmark American Insurance Company and Engle Martin & Associates by and through their counsel, Koch & DeMarco, P.C., pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§1441 and 1446, respectfully request that this action captioned Steven J. For Itself and For and to the Use of David Fenton v. Landmark American Insurance Company and Engle Martin & Associates, filed in the Court of Common Pleas of Monroe County, and captioned therein as Civil Action No. 944 CV 2014, be removed from the Court of Common Pleas of Monroe County, Pennsylvania to the United States

District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania on the grounds set forth below.

#### **BACKGROUND**

- 1. Steven J., Inc. for Itself and For and to the Use of David Fenton commenced this action alleging Breach of Contract, Fraud and Tortious Interference A copy of the Monroe County Complaint is attached hereto as Exhibit "A".
- 2. Defendant, Landmark American Insurance Company (hereinafter "Landmark") was served with the Complaint on February 27, 2014. A copy of the Monroe County dockets is attached hereto as Exhibit "B".
- 3. Defendant, Engle Martin & Associates, (hereinafter "Engle Martin") was served with the Complaint on February 25, 2014.
- 4. Less than thirty (30) days have passed since either Landmark or Engle Martin was served. Therefore, the removal is timely pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§1446(b).
  - 5. No answers or objections have yet been filed.
- 6. There are two Defendants in this lawsuit, and both file and consent to removal of this case to this court.
- 7. Plaintiff, Stephen J., Inc. is a Pennsylvania corporation whose office is at 4136 Nazareth Pike, Bethlehem, PA. See Exhibit A at paragraph 1.

- 8. Defendant, Landmark is incorporated in Oklahoma and has its principal place of business in Georgia.
- 9. Defendant, Engle Martin is incorporated in Georgia and has its principal place of business in Georgia.
- 10. Pursuant 28 U.S.C. 1332 (c) (1), a corporation shall be deemed to be a citizen of any state by which it has been incorporated and of the state where it has its principal place of business.
- 11. As set forth below, the plaintiffs are citizens of Pennsylvania, none of the defendants are citizens of Pennsylvania, and the amount in controversy exceeds seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000), exclusive of interest and costs.
- 12. Therefore, this Court has jurisdiction based upon diversity of citizenship of the parties hereto, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1332.
- 13. This Notice of Removal is being filed in the United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, the District Court for the district and division within which the state court action is pending as required by 28 U.S.C. §§1446(a) and 1441(a).

### COMPLETE DIVERSITY OF CITIZENSHIP EXISTS BETWEEN PLAINTIFF AND DEFENDANT

14. Upon information and belief as verified by Plaintiff in its Complaint, Steven J. Inc. is a Pennsylvania corporation with its offices at 4136 Nazareth Pike, Bethlehem, PA 18020.

- 15. Plaintiff brings this lawsuit for itself and for the use of David Fenton, whose address is listed in the Complaint as 78 N. 4th Street, Bally, PA 19503.
- 16. Defendant, Landmark is an Oklahoma corporation with its principal place of business at 945 E. Paces Ferry Rd, Atlanta, Georgia.
- 17. Landmark is therefore a citizen of Oklahoma and Georgia for diversity purposes.
- 18. Defendant, Engle Martin is a Georgia corporation with its principal place of business at 5180 Rosewell Rd., Suite N100, Atlanta, Georgia.
- 19. Engle Martin is therefore a citizen of Georgia for diversity purposes.
- 20. There is complete diversity among the Plaintiff and the Defendants in this lawsuit.

### THE AMOUNT IN CONTROVERSY REQUIREMENT IS SATISFIED

- 21. The amount in controversy requirement is satisfied in this case.
- 22. In the Complaint, Plaintiff alleges that damages sustained were in the amount of \$75, 751.59.
  - 23. The amount in controversy is therefore greater than \$75,000.
- 24. The amount in controversy requirement for jurisdiction of this Court has been satisfied.

WHEREFORE, Defendants, Landmark American Insurance Company and Engle Martin & Associates respectfully request removal of this case to the United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, which is the district for the Monroe County Court of Common Pleas in which said action is pending and where the property for which insurance coverage is sought in this lawsuit is located and prays that the filing of this Notice of Removal with this Court and the filing of the Notice of Filing of Notice of Removal with the Prothonotary of the Court of Common Pleas of Monroe County, shall effect the removal of said suit to the United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania.

KOCH & DeMARCO, P.C.

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**CERTIFICATION OF SERVICE** 

I, Susan Simpson Brown, hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the

Notice of Removal was electronically filed with the Clerk of the Court using the

CM/ECF System.

In addition, I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of Notice for Removal

of was forwarded on by United States Mail, postage pre-paid, to all counsel listed

below:

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/s/ Susan Simpson Brown

Dated: March 13, 2014

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